



# NEWS RELEASE

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## Columbus Police & Identifying Juvenile Victims

The Columbus Division of Police always strives to be transparent; this includes news releases.

The news releases distributed by CPD's Major Crimes Bureau, which encompasses the Robbery Unit, Assault Unit, Gun Crimes Unit and Homicide Unit, routinely identify victims of crimes involved in their investigations. This practice has included the names of juvenile victims.

After review of this practice over the past few months, Chief Tom Quinlan has decided that names of juveniles who are victims of robberies, assaults or gun crimes will not be named on news releases from this point forward absent special circumstances. While this information is public record, it will not be displayed on news releases and on various Columbus Police social media platforms.

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